

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman Kevin McCarthy joined a bipartisan group of colleagues to oppose Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s Cap and Trade bill (H.R. 2454), which imposes a national energy tax. Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement:

“Unfortunately, the House voted today to pass Nancy Pelosi’s “cap-and-tax” energy bill that imposes a national energy tax on our local families, small businesses, and farms. Economic experts predict that this bill could cost over two million American jobs, and an average family of four could have to pay thousands more in increased energy costs, including higher utility bills. At a time when unemployment in our local communities has reached record highs, and families are struggling to make ends meet, passing this bill is a double kick in the teeth to American families and small businesses – costing jobs and increasing household costs. Congress can do better to create jobs and leave our children with a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment. That is why I support a smarter solution, the American Energy Act, which promotes an all-of-the-above approach with strong investments in American renewable energy – more American wind, American solar, American geothermal, and American nuclear power. This all-of-the-above approach can power our economy, grow jobs, and promote a healthy environment. Now is the time for a national energy independence plan, not a national energy tax.”

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Some Groups Opposing H.R. 2454:

Citizens Against Government Waste
National Association of Manufacturers
National Cattleman Beef Association
National Federation of Independent Businesses
National Taxpayers Union
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
American Farm Bureau Federation
National Cotton Council
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Mining Association (NMA)
American Farmers & Ranchers

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